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## Amended Claims

- 1. A multivalent  $F_v$  antibody construct having at least four variable domains which are linked with one another via the peptide linkers 1, 2 and 3, wherein the peptide linkers 1 and 3 have 0 to 10 amino acids.
- 2. The  $F_v$  antibody construct according to claim 1, wherein the peptide linkers 1 and 3 have the amino acid sequence GG.
- 3. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct is bivalent.
- 4. The  $F_v$  antibody construct according to claim 3, wherein the peptide linker 2 has 11 to 20 amino acids.
- 5. The  $F_v$  antibody construct according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the peptide linker 2 has the amino acid sequence  $(G_4S)_4$ .
- 6. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct is tetravalent.
- 7. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to claim 6, wherein the peptide linker 2 has 3 to 10 amino acids.

- 8. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the peptide linker 2 comprises the amino acid sequence GGPGS.
- 9. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct is multispecific.
- 10.  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to claim 9, wherein the  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct is bispecific.
- 11. The  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct is monospecific.
- 12. A method of producing the multivalent  $F_v$  antibody construct according to any of claims 1 to 11, wherein DNAs coding for the peptide linkers 1, 2 and 3 are ligated with DNAS coding for the four variable domains of an  $F_v$  antibody construct such that the peptide linkers link the variable domains with one another and the resulting DNA molecule is expressed in an expression plasmid.
- 13. Expression plasmid coding for the multivalent  $F_{\nu}$  antibody construct according to any of claims 1 to 11.
- 14. The expression plasmid according to claim 13, namely pDISC3x19-LL.
- 15. The expression plasmid according to claim 13, namely pDISC3x19-SL.
- 16. The expression plasmid according to claim 13, namely pPIC-DISC-LL.

17. The expression plasmi $\dot{a}$  according to claim 13, namely pPIC-DISC-SL.

The expression plasmid according to claim 13, namely pDISC5-LL.

pDISC6-SL.

19. The expression plasmid according to claim 13, namely

20. Use of the multivalent  $f_v$  antibody construct according to any of claims 1 to 11 for the diagnosis and/or treatment of diseases.

Use according to claim 20, wherein the diseases are viral, bacterial or tumoral diseases.